GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5315
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WATER CATCHMENT CAPACITY OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the water catchment capacity of major South and North Indian rivers; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to fix the courses of rivers to be inter-linked?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Catchment area of major river basins in Indian territory is as under

S. NO.	NAME OF THE RIVERBASINS	CATCHMENT AREA (Sq. km.)
1.	Indus	321289
2.	a) Ganga	861452
	b) Brahmputra, Barak & other rivers	236136
3.	Sabarmati	21674
4.	Mahi	34842
5.	Narmada	98796
6.	Tapi	65145
7	Brahmani & Baitarni	51822
8.	Mahanadi	141589
9.	Godavari	312812
10.	Krishna	258948
11.	Pennar	55213
12.	Cauvery	81155
Total		2540873

(b) The details of river training works for maintaining the course of river at the storage and diversion structures are worked out while preparing the Detailed Project Reports by the concerned StateGovernments as per their priority. The Inter-linking proposals are at present at the feasibility report level.